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SUBJECT:ABU DHABI COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS

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1. AMBASSADOR STERNER AGREES WITH POST POSITION AND RECOMMENDATIONS (REFTEL B) AND EMPHASIZES THAT THE C&R INCUMBENT CONTINUE DO HIS CURRENT C&R FUNCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORK.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED THE INCREASE OF TCU STAFF BY ONE. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHEN THE AGENCY WILL GET THE OPRED CLEARANCE TO STAFF THE SECOND TCU POSITION AND THEREFORE, THE UNDUE WORKLOAD REMAINS UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE SECOND TCU COMMUNICATOR. ANYTHING THE POST CAN DO TO RELIEVE THE BURDEN ON THE LONE COMMUNICATOR UNTIL RELIEF ARRIVES WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

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3. ALTHOUGH THE ADDITION OF A SECOND TCU COMMUNICATOR IS A SOLUTION TO THE EXISTING PROBLEM IT IS PREFERABLE TO NORMALIZE THE COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS AT ABU DHABI AT LEAST ALONG THE LINES RECOMMENDED REFTEL A, AND AT FIRST

OPPROTUNITY RETURN FULL STATE C&R FUNCTIONS TO THE C&R OFFICER AND RELIEVE HIM OF SECONDARY FUNCTIONS. KISSINGER

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